



CITY of BEAVERTON

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CITY OF BEAVERTON ANNOUNCES TOWN HALL AND PUBLIC PROCESS ON URBAN POULTRY

BEAVERTON, Oregon (May 13, 2010) – Mayor Denny Doyle today announced a **Town Hall** and process for public discussion on a possible urban poultry ordinance in the City of Beaverton. In addition to community discussion, information about urban poultry will be available at a Town Hall meeting slated for **Tuesday, June 8**, starting at **6:30 p.m.** at **Beaverton City Hall, City Council Chambers** (4755 SW Griffith Dr., Beaverton). Public comment opportunities are also planned for the **Beaverton Planning Commission** and the **Beaverton City Council**.

"I'm hearing from our community that interest in a discussion about urban poultry is rising and, in particular, was a hot topic at last weekend's Beaverton Farmer's Market," said **Mayor Doyle**. "I've asked our city staff to bring the issue to our citizen advisory group (BCCI), the Planning Commission and City Council for public discussion and a decision by the end of summer."

The initial schedule for a community discussion about urban poultry is as follows:

- Tuesday, May 25 at 7 PM: **BCCI** meeting discussion
- Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 PM: **Town Hall**
- Wednesday, June 30 at 6:30 PM: **Planning Commission**, public hearing
- Wednesday, July 14 at 6:30 PM: **Planning Commission**, public hearing (if needed)
- Monday, August 9 at 6:30 PM: **Beaverton City Council Meeting**, possible hearing and first reading of ordinance
- Monday, August 16 at 6:30 PM: **Beaverton City Council Meeting**, possible second reading (if approved)

All events will take place at Beaverton City Hall, Forrest C. Soth Council Chamber (4755 SW Griffith Dr., Beaverton). Meeting dates are subject to change and notice will be given. Urban poultry is defined as chickens and ducks. The current Beaverton City Code prohibits the keeping of poultry and livestock within the city limits.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton has been recognized as the **safest city in the Pacific Northwest** for three consecutive years, as one of the **best places to raise kids** by BusinessWeek magazine (2009), a **Top 100 Best Places to Live in America** by Money Magazine (2006), an **All-America City finalist** (2005), one of the **100 Best Walking Cities in America** by Prevention Magazine (2008), retains a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly community designation** by the League of American Bicyclists and is one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Beaverton also enjoys the most diverse population (by percentage of population) among Oregon cities.

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